

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
June 9, 2010**

The Service Committee of the Legislative Council met on June 9, 2010, and makes the following report and recommendations to the Legislative Council for approval:

I. PERSONNEL REPORTS

The Service Committee received and filed the annual personnel report from the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman. Pursuant to these reports, all promotional and merit increases for eligible legislative employees continue to be delayed and all future promotions and merit increases are contingent on budgetary conditions and Legislative Council approval, and are subject to performance review with approval of, and an effective date set by, the applicable director.

II. CENTRAL STAFF AGENCY FY 2011 BUDGETS

The Service Committee recommends that the Legislative Council approve the proposed budgets, subject to adjustment to reflect carry forwards from the previous fiscal year to all Legislative Branch agencies, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 2.12, as submitted by the following agencies:

- Legislative Services Agency
- Office of the Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman

III. CITIZENS' AIDE/OMBUDSMAN

A. The Service Committee recommends that the Legislative Council appoint Ruth Cooperrider as Acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, to take effect upon the retirement of Bill Angrick, the current Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, and pending Legislative Council appointment and Senate and House approval and confirmation of a permanent Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.

B. The Service Committee recommends that the Legislative Council authorize the Acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman to designate a qualified Assistant to act as the Office's Legal Counsel without a change in compensation and with the necessary oversight of the Acting Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.

IV. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - CLOUD COMPUTING

The Service Committee recommends that the Legislative Council endorse the actions of the Legislative Services Agency, on behalf of the Senate and House of Representatives and the entire legislative branch, to issue a Request for Proposals for the establishment, by contract, of an off-premise-based collaboration, office productivity, and e-mail system solution offered in a Software as a Service (SaaS) model, sometimes referred to as cloud computing for e-mail and other related services. The Legislative Services Agency will consult and receive approval from legislative leaders prior to entering into a contract for these services.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairperson